

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0048

Title: Clarify procedure in criminal appeal with lack of merit

Primary Sponsor: Newman, B

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The bill enumerates requirements placed on assigned counsel when filing a motion to dismiss an appeal of a criminal case to the Supreme Court when the appeal would be frivolous or wholly without merit.
2. Assigned counsel includes public defenders appointed to criminal proceedings of the indigent. The state reimburses the counties for public defender costs spent on indigent defense.
3. Under current law, assigned counsel performs materially all of the tasks enumerated under the bill. Public defender hours spent to ensure compliance with the bill are not likely to increase.
4. This bill has no fiscal impact.